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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to remarks and amendment filed on April 30, 2009.

Applicant added new Claim 18. Claims 14-18 are pending.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with filed April 30, 2009 respect to claims 14-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 16-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form, merging all of the limitations of the base claim, all the limitation of objected claims, and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 14-15, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Caronni et al. (U. S. Patent 6,049,878).

1. Regarding Claim 14 Caronni teach a method a method for performing a secure multicast broadcast at a router for keeping unauthorized entities from gaining access to the secure multicast broadcast, the method (Fig.1-5) comprising:
sending a received request to join a multicast broadcast at a user system to an Internet Protocol (IP) multicast address (col.5 line 13 to line 30, and col.6 line 20 to line 39);
determining if the multicast address of the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast IP address base don one of a table or map (col.6 line 20 to line 39, and Fig.2, col.1 line 11 to line 40); receiving multicast transmission from a first computer system associated with the multicast address (col.5 line 13 to line 30); if the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast address, then removing the multicast broadcast IP address (col.7 line 7 to line 39); attaching one of an associated or a local IP multicast address to the decrypted multicast broadcast (col.5 line 13 to line 30, and col.7 line 23 to line 67); and sending the multicast broadcast to the user system requesting to join, thereby keeping unauthorized entities from gaining access to the secure multicast broadcast because knowledge of the attached associated or a local IP multicast address is only previously know to the first computer system and the user system (col.5 line 13 to line 30, and col.6 line 20 to line 39).

2. Regarding Claim 15 Caronni teach a router for sending a secure multicast broadcast so that unauthorized entities cannot gain access to the secure multicast broadcast, the router (Fig.1-

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5) comprising: a computer device (col.4 line 7 to col.5 line 12, and Fig.1, col.4 line 34 to line 50); configured to: send a received request to join a multicast broadcast at a user system to an Internet Protocol (IP) multicast address (col.4 line 7 to col.5 line 12, and Fig.1, col.4 line 34 to line 50); determine if the multicast address of the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast IP address receive multicast transmission from a first computer system associated with the multicast address (col.5 line 13 to line 30, and col.6 line 20 to line 39); if the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast address, then remove the multicast broadcast IP address; attach one of an associated or a local IP multicast address to the multicast broadcast; and send the multicast broadcast to the user system requesting to join, thereby keeping unauthorized entities from gaining access to the secure multicast broadcast because knowledge of the attached associated or a local IP multicast address is only previously know to the first computer system and the user system (col.6 line 20 to line 39, and col.7 line 7 to line 67).

3. Regarding Claim 18 Caronni teach a router for sending a secure multicast broadcast so that unauthorized entities cannot gain access to the secure multicast broadcast, the router (Fig.1-5) comprising: a computer device (col.4 line 7 to col.5 line 12, and Fig.1, col.4 line 34 to line 50); configured to: send a received request to join a multicast broadcast at a user system to an Internet Protocol (IP) multicast address (col.4 line 7 to col.5 line 12, and Fig.1, col.4 line 34 to line 50); determine if the multicast address of the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast IP address; receive multicast transmission from a first computer system associated with the multicast address (col.5 line 13 to line 30, and col.6 line 20 to line 39); if the request to join is associated with a multicast broadcast address, then remove the multicast broadcast IP

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address; attach one of an associated or a local IP multicast address to the multicast broadcast; and send the multicast broadcast to the user system requesting to join, thereby keeping unauthorized entities from gaining access to the secure multicast broadcast because knowledge of the attached associated or a local IP multicast address is only previously know to the router (col.6 line 20 to line 39, and col.7 line 7 to line 67).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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